

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

This letter is responsive to the Office Action mailed 04/09/2007.

The examiner has rejected claim 1 as being obvious in view of Eissinger et al U.S. 5,658,027. In addition the examiner has indicated that claims 2 through 17 are objected to.

In the revised set of claims enclosed herewith, applicant has cancelled claim 1 from the application and inserted new claim 18 which in Markush form, encompasses former dependent claims 2 and 13, both of which were indicated as being allowable.

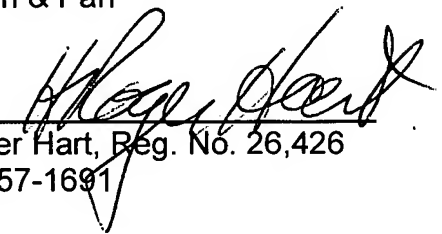
With the insertion of new claim 18 and the corresponding change of dependency, it is believed that claims 2 through 17 are now acceptable.

It is considered that this is fully responsive to the examiner's office action and presents the claims in allowable form.

In view of the number of total claims cancelled and the additional claims added and in view of the number of independent claims cancelled and added, it is believed that no additional fees are required either for independent claims or in respect of the total number of claims. If additional fees are required, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-2095.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,
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